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PROMOTION, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

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1992/... Discrimination against women

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Taking into consideration the objectives of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and of the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Having in mind the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women and of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,

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Noting with concern that the status of women has not greatly improved and that women in many areas continue to suffer discrimination, as described in the reports submitted by States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Noting also with concern the alarming information contained in the report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/34), in particular with regard to prostitution and exploitation,

Recognizing the consequences of armed conflicts for women in view of their special vulnerability to violence of all kinds,

Recognizing also the harmful effects of certain traditional practices and social attitudes on the health and well-being of women,

1. Recommends that women's rights be recognized as human rights and that they be treated as such in all United Nations bodies, including the Commission on Human Rights;

2. Also recommends that the forthcoming World Conference on Human Rights give priority to the question of discrimination affecting women and their status, both in its agenda and in the documentation prepared for the World Conference;

3. Further recommends that information on the equality and empowerment of women, and their access to equality in education, work, health and literacy, be included in States' reports to all human rights monitoring bodies, not only to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Sub-Commission at its forty-fifth session.